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Correctional Employees Week is May 6-12

Pierre, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard has proclaimed May 6-12 as "Correctional Employees Week" in South Dakota.

Correctional employees in South Dakota are responsible for the supervision, custody and care of more than 3,600 adult inmates, 2,800 parolees and more than 700 juvenile offenders in placement and on aftercare.

The Executive Proclamation states that "Correctional employees are committed to their mission of protecting the citizens of South Dakota by providing safe and secure facilities for juvenile and adult offenders committed to their care by the courts, providing effective community supervision to offenders upon their release, and utilizing evidence-based practices to maximize opportunities for rehabilitation."

"During my year as the Secretary of Corrections, I have observed each day how dedicated, loyal and hard working the staff is," said Corrections Secretary Denny Kaemingk. "DOC employees have the ability of critical thinking – the gift of making the correct decisions under stress. I am very proud of all DOC employees and take this week to honor them along with the citizens of South Dakota."

The Department of Corrections has adult prison facilities in Sioux Falls, Springfield, Yankton, Pierre and Rapid City. The state's juvenile corrections programs are located near Custer. Parole field offices are located in Aberdeen, Brookings, Huron, Mitchell, Pierre, Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Spearfish, Watertown and Yankton. Juvenile Community Corrections field offices are located in Aberdeen, Brookings, Chamberlain, Custer, Huron, Mitchell, Mobridge, Pierre, Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Sisseton, Spearfish, Watertown, White River, Winner and Yankton.